

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND AUDIT

February 19, 2003

12:20 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Ralph Samuels, Chair
Representative Mike Hawker
Representative Vic Kohring

Senator Gene Therriault, Vice Chair
Senator Ben Stevens
Senator Con Bunde
Senator Lyda Green, alternate

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Jim Whitaker
Representative Beth Kerttula
Representative Reggie Joule, alternate
Representative Bill Williams, alternate

Senator Gary Wilken
Senator Lyman Hoffman

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

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WITNESS REGISTER

PAT DAVIDSON, Legislative Auditor
Division of Legislative Audit
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Spoke on behalf of the Division of
Legislative Audit.

ACTION NARRATIVE

TAPE 03-1, SIDE A
Number 0001

CHAIR RALPH SAMUELS called the Joint Committee on Legislative Budget and Audit meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. Members present at the call to order were Representatives Samuels, Hawker, Kohring, and Senators Ben Stevens, Bunde, and Green. Representative Therriault arrived shortly thereafter.

Number 0044

CHAIR SAMUELS introduced Laura Achee as the committee aide; noted that David Teal, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, was present; and introduced Pat Davidson, Legislative Auditor.

Number 0055

PAT DAVIDSON, Legislative Auditor, Division of Legislative Audit, Alaska State Legislature, introduced two staff from the division: Anne McLean, Audit Manager, and Jim Griffin, Audit Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Number 0130

SENATOR THERRIAULT made a motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2003, and January 16, 2003.

CHAIR SAMUELS asked whether there were any objections. There being none, the minutes from the January 15, 2003, and the January 16, 2003, meetings were approved as read.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Number 0149

SENATOR THERRIAULT made a motion to move to executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential audit reports under AS 24.20.301. There being no objection, the committee went into executive session at 12:30 p.m.

CHAIR SAMUELS brought the committee back to regular, open session at 1:15 p.m.

AUDIT REPORTS

Number 0217

SENATOR THERRIAULT made a motion to release the following two preliminary audits to the appropriate agencies for response: 1) the Department of Health & Social Services, Division of Medical Assistance, Internal Control Over Medicaid Payments, and 2) the sunset for the Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

CHAIR SAMUELS, hearing no objection, released the audits to the appropriate agencies for response.

OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

SENATOR THERRIAULT explained that in reviewing the statutes, he found that the committee shall select its own chair. The House and Senate have had an agreement for the past couple of legislatures that chairmanship bounces back and forth. Statutes are a little unclear as to how, exactly, the chair is designated.

Number 0249

SENATOR THERRIAULT moved that Representative Samuels preside as chair of the Joint Committee on Legislative Budget and Audit for the duration of the current [two-year] legislature, and that he [Senator Therriault] preside as vice chair of the committee. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Samuels adjourned the Joint Committee on Legislative Budget and Audit meeting at approximately 1:20 p.m.